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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Dear Sir:

This is to confirm appellants' agreement with the Examiner as reflected in the Interview Summary Record dated June 30, 2000, that all grounds of rejection as discussed in the briefing documents are presently maintained and are awaiting a decision from the Board.

Upon being notified by the Examiner, subsequent to the filing of the response to the new Office action mailed January 20, 2000, that she intended to reinstate all previous grounds of rejection, Appellants agreed to the stipulation reflected in the Interview Summary Record to avoid the necessity of issuing a

further Office action and further response by applicants, when the issues in this application were already joined.

Appellants thus request the Honorable Board to render a decision on the appeal based on the briefing of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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